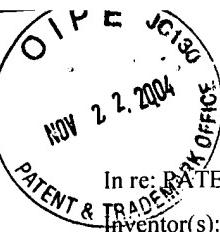


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION



In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): KOZLOWSKI, Joachim

Appln. No.: 09 / 830,649

Filed: April 30, 2001

Title: MACHINE KNIFE FOR TRIMMING OF BOOKS OR THE LIKE

Atty. Dkt. 2573-0102

Group Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Flores Sanchez, O.

Date: November 18, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Sir:

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed – see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) fee must be enclosed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith or before the new action is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please enter do not enter the Amendment filed
2. The enclosed new Amendment.
3. Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed and reply brief filed
4. The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement:
 IDS Letter Cited Appln(s) Foreign Search Report/OA PTO-1449 Cited Documents
6. Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of months for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed.
7. Please charge the total fee to our Deposit Account No.: 50-3272 under our Order No. (Matter No.): 2573-0102

CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account/Order Nos. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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